

## JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

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port duty. So far, I understand, there have been no nurses aboard the transports, but the powers that be are about convinced that some arrangement will have to be made to include them in the regular transport crew. The necessity for this was made evident when one ship got in with no less than eight cases requiring immediate operations.

## Offer Beautiful Mansions For Red Cross Work.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., have offered their beautiful mansion, "Idle Hour," and their estate of thousands of acres on Long Island as a convalescent home for soldiers under the direction of the American Red Cross. The offer, combined with similar ones made by Ensign Vincent Astor and Clarence H. Mackay

for the same purpose, puts three of the most beautiful estates in the United States at the disposal of Uncle Sam.

For several days the officials of the Red Cross have been inspecting the Vanderbilt estate and considering its adaptability for hospital and convalescent purposes, but as yet no report has been made. Indeed, a report is not likely to be made for some time, as final action has not yet been taken on either the Astor or the Mackay estates.

Idle Hour is on a bluff at the edge of Great River, and is so built that it would accommodate at least 1,500 patients. Aside from its obvious availability in the matter of location and equipment, the place is but fifteen minutes' walk from the railroad station, or five minutes by motor, and the roads are excellent. Hundreds of acres of the estate are already planted, and there is plenty of cleared land to suggest an ample supply of vegetables for the use of the proposed hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have been in France and active in war work since 1914. Two of their estates in France have been turned over to the French Red Cross and utilized as convalescent hospitals for more than three years.

## Astor and Mackay Estates Not Yet Accepted.

The first offer of a large American estate for Red Cross purposes was that of Ensign Vincent Astor, who last October asked the American Red Cross to accept his magnificent estate, Ferncliffe, at Rhinecliff-on-the-Hudson. Ferncliffe is valued at more than \$5,000,000, and aside from a mile frontage on the Hudson river, extends back two miles over the hills. It was inspected immediately when offered, but as yet no report has been made by the Red Cross regarding its acceptance.

On Memorial Day Clarence H. Mackay, by his offer for Red Cross work of his estate, Harbor Hill, at Roslyn, L. I., made available for war charity one of the most beautiful and completely equipped estates in the world. Harbor Hill is at the highest point on Long Island, the crest of the Wheat-

ley Hills, and is but twenty-one miles from New York city. It consists of a great marble and stone structure surrounded by 600 acres of shaded woods, beautiful drives, and magnificent gardens. Mr. Mackay made the offer direct to Henry P. Davison, president of the Red Cross in America, and acceptance is still pending.

So far as I know, none of the big places about Washington have been offered for this purpose, although Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover have had a small but successful convalescent home for Canadian soldiers at their place in Virginia, and any number of handsome Washington houses, such as the Wadsworth house and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh's fine Massachusetts avenue residence, have been turned into work rooms for wartime activities. Then, too, Mrs. T. B. Moran offered her big house in Massachusetts avenue to the powers that be for a hospital. I don't know whether she ever got any report on the matter.

## Will Visit Home in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Doheny are leaving town about June 12 for an extended visit to their home in Los Angeles and before starting off on their journey West they are spending a few days at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., to be with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Doheny, Jr., who have a cottage there.

The elder Dohenys are now making their home when in Washington, at 2501 Massachusetts avenue, the handsome house built by Capt. and Mrs. Charles Harlow, also California folk. The vicissitudes through which this house has passed in the last few months are typical of Washington in these hectic days. The Harlows went West for the winter, leaving their house first to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nixon, of New York. They changed their minds about coming to Washington and gave up the house before ever they had occupied it, substituting to Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Stettinius. And now the Dohenys, who were at 2400 Sixteenth street all winter, have it.

The Stettinians are now doubly Washingtonians, having rented "Woodlands" on Pierce Mill road, at 2501 Massachusetts avenue, the handsome house built by Capt. and Mrs. Charles Harlow, also California folk. The vicissitudes through which this house has passed in the last few months are typical of Washington in these hectic days. The Harlows went West for the winter, leaving their house first to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nixon, of New York. They changed their minds about coming to Washington and gave up the house before ever they had occupied it, substituting to Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Stettinius. And now the Dohenys, who were at 2400 Sixteenth street all winter, have it.

## Interesting California Colony Here.

Somehow the Dohenys are such cosmopolitan folk and so associated in my mind with Mexico and its oil fields—Mr. Doheny was one of the first Americans to exploit the Tampico oil wells, you know—that I somehow don't associate them with California. And yet Los Angeles is their home. We have, by the way, an amazingly large and interesting California colony in Washington nowadays, all sorts of attractive people being established here doing war work of one sort or another in addition to such official big wigs as the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, Senator and Mrs. Hiram Johnson, and Senator Philan, the Herbert Hoovers, and the rest.

There are, for instance, the Mark



MRS. JAMES LEMUEL BILLINGSLEY.

Wife of Ensign Billingsley, U. S. N. R., in her grandmother's bridal gown, which she wore at her own wedding recently. Mrs. Billingsley was Miss Helen Bond Plant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Plant.

Requa, who have two pretty and attractive daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. George Ambury, who have the low brown house in New Hampshire avenue which Senator and Mrs. Weeks occupied for several years and who entertain charmingly and rather frequently. Then there's Commander Henry N. Jensen, U. S. N., not the one who married Natalie Driggs, he's Henry M. Jensen—who lives at the Burlington and has a very pretty wife. She was Echo Allen, of Los Angeles, a great belle.

Major and Mrs. George Denis, who are at the Shoreham for a while, have returned to Los Angeles on business, but are coming back, as he has some duty connected with the draft. Mrs. Denis is a perfect dear, and by way of being a beauty. Lieut. Palmer Fuller is also in Washington now, being in duty at the department, and he and Mrs. Fuller have taken a house in Chevy Chase, while Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDuffie, have a house in Corcoran street.

As for bachelors, I give you Lieut. Lansing Tervis, who came to town some months ago as a member of the aviation section of the Signal Corps, and is a very popular young person; Fred Tillman, now in the navy; Capt. Edward Berry, and Capt. Victor Henderson, who until the time of his enlistment was secretary to Benjamin Ide Wheeler.

## Allied Governments Help Make Picture.

Inasmuch as the British and French governments rendered valuable aid to David Wark Griffith in the preparation of his great war production, "Hearts of the World," representatives of these countries are taking a very special interest in the opening at Pol's Theater Monday evening, and many of them will attend.

Frank L. Polk, for the moment acting secretary of State, heads the list of officials from the State Department who will be present. John Barrett, of the Pan-American Union, is arranging to attend, and has interested many of the South American diplomats, who are anxious to see this spectacle, which gives, interwoven with actual war scenes on the French battle front, a thread of romance, fascinating from first to last. Frederick Adams, assistant to Mr. Barrett, will also be present, and from the National Geographic Society will come Gilbert H. Grosvenor and John

Oliver La Gorce, each bringing little group of friends.

Reservations have been made for the British Ambassador and the Countess of Reading, Speaker and Mrs. Clark, and for a large number of Senators and their wives. Senator and Mrs. Alton Pomeroy will entertain a party of eight, among whom will be Senator and Mrs. T. Jones of New Mexico, and Judge and Mrs. D. S. Andler.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Doheny will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank Requa and the Misses Requa, Commander and Mrs. H. B. Osborne will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lea, Santa Rosa, Cal., and Judge and Mrs. J. B. Baker and their son.

Seats have been reserved for D. F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture; for Herbert Hoover, food administrator, and Mrs. Hoover, and for scores of others more vitally interested in the conduct of Government affairs. Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator James D. Phelan, both of California, will attend, each bringing a small party.

Others who have taken seats are Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Erasmus Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Randall Webb, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. S. Macfarland, Mrs. Dobbins, Judge and Mrs. Charles Howry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McChord, L. L. Strauss, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Charles Lauchheimer, Mrs. J. R. McMurray, Senator and Mrs. Hiram Johnson, Mrs. Henry Norman Jensen, and Philip Patchin, Chief of Foreign Intelligence Division.

## Foreign Pleasure Trips For War Work.

Many Washington women are planning to forego their usual visits to seaside and mountains to prepare themselves in the reconstruction classes at Mason House, 1600 Twentieth street, for the teaching of wage-earning arts and crafts to our soldiers and seamen disabled and blinded in the war.

The reconstruction course, which has been conducted at the National Service School with great success during the last six weeks, will be enlarged for the summer course at the Mason House. Miss Susan Miller, of Brooklyn, an expert on these matters, and a graduate of the Industrial Arts school, of Pratt Institute, will be in charge of this department. The course in this department will include bookbinding, toy-making, weaving, lacemaking, bench work, leather work, pottery, colonial and Indian tapestry, rugmaking, block printing, chair-caning, basketry, netting, and beadwork.

An exhibition of the work done by the students of the third encampment of the First National Service School will be open at the Mason House on Tuesday, and all those interested are invited to inspect the work. Arrangements have been made for students in the reconstruction department who wish to take the summer course in this work of three months. Special classes of two hours' length will be held for three nights a week, and other classes for those who do not take the entire course will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 o'clock until 12, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 2:30 o'clock until 4:30.

Classes for the preparation of surgical dressings will be held at Mason House on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 10 o'clock until 12, and Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30. Plans are being made to have workroom hours in the surgical dressing room in which all those qualified to make these dressings are invited to assist. Miss Grace Dulman, of Drexel In-

stitute, Philadelphia, will conduct classes in dietetics, food conservation, and canteen work. The students in the canteen course will get practical experience at the Woman's Naval Service Canteen, at the war service community recreational camp.

Free classes in military and relief French will be conducted every evening for men in uniform.

## Fellies Glaycka Injured in Fall.

Poor little Felleis Glaycka got a nasty spill a week or ten days ago, when her horse slipped on a slippery pavement and took a tumble with her. It wasn't a question of horsemanship, however, for the child has been bred to the saddle almost since babyhood, rides like a little centaur and no amount of clever handling could have prevented such an accident. Indeed, the circumstances reminded me a bit of the time when Mrs. John Remey—then Margaret Howard—was thrown in Rock Creek Park, her horse slipping on a bit of greasy mud and killing himself by his fall. Margaret wasn't hurt a bit, Felleis Glaycka was shaken up a bit, but is recovering nicely, and will soon be about again. As soon as she is able the little girl and her mother, Countess Eleanor Glaycka, will go to the ranch in Wyoming, where they were last summer, and where Felleis spends most of her waking hours in the saddle. I venture to predict a wonderful success for this youngster when she arrives at the coming out age. She has much of her mother's extraordinary charm and a rare sort of beauty—she her mother never had. She is tall, slim, with wonderful fair hair, and bears herself with an Old World grace

which is truly delightful in a child who should by rights be at the awkward age. Also she has a most arresting quality in her speaking voice. Since her accident the child has been with her grandmother, Mrs. Robert W. Patterson, having been carried to her house as the nearest place when she was injured. Mrs. Patterson is leaving for her usual early summer visit to Chicago as soon as the little girl is well again.

Pondy years.

JEAN ELIOT.

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